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CEDAR CITY STUDENT
WINS STATEWIDE ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST

Mackenzie Bettridge, a kindergarten student at Fiddlers Canyon Elementary in Cedar City, is the Grand Prize winner in the 2001 statewide Arbor Day poster contest. Mackenzie's drawing was chosen from hundreds of entries at the state level to win a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond. Her poster also will be reproduced for distribution to schools and government offices throughout Utah.

Other state winners, each receiving a \$75 bond, are Malia Stephens, Sandy, Grace Lutheran School; Kenny Jepson, West Jordan, Riverside Elementary; Tony Anderson, Salt Lake City, Highland Park Elementary; Natalie White, Bountiful, Valley View Elementary; Jason Jepson, West Jordan, Riverside Elementary; and Christian Call, Moab, Helen M. Knight Intermediate.

Four schools each receive \$1,000 because students won best in region. They are Valley View Elementary, Bountiful; Riverside Elementary, Sandy; Duchesne Elementary, Duchesne; and Delta North Elementary, Delta. In addition, 21 other students won \$50 U.S. Savings Bonds for being judged regional winners in their respective grades.

State winners will be awarded their prizes at the Arbor Day ceremony at Red Butte Garden and Arboretum on the University of Utah campus in Salt Lake City on April 27th at 10:00 a.m. The public is invited and admission to the arboretum for the ceremony is free.

Sponsors of this year's Arbor Day activities are the Utah Community Forest Council, Tree Utah, Utah Nursery and Landscape Association, Office of Energy Services, USDA Forest Service, Kennecott, Red Butte Garden and the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands.

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AREA STUDENTS WIN HONORS
IN STATEWIDE ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST

Natalie White, a 4th grade student at Valley View Elementary in Bountiful, is a state winner in the 2001 Arbor Day poster contest. Natalie wins a \$75 U.S. Savings Bond. Natalie's entry was also judged best in region which wins \$1,000 for Valley View Elementary.

Other winners in the northern region are Alec Combe, a kindergarten student at Christian Heritage School in Riverdale; Elizabeth Bell, 1st grade, from Knowlton Elementary in Farmington; Bethany Barlow, 2nd grade, Valley View Elementary in Bountiful; 3rd grader John Smith from Garland Elementary, Garland; Marco Smouse, a 5th grade student at Orchard Elementary, North Salt Lake; and Kylie Obray, a 6th grader from Reading Elementary in Centerville. They will each receive a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond.

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SALT LAKE COUNTY STUDENTS WIN STATE HONORS
IN ANNUAL ARBOR DAY CONTEST

Jason Jepson, a 5th grade student at Riverside Elementary in West Jordan, is a state winner in the 2001 Arbor Day poster contest. Jason wins a \$75 U.S. Savings Bond. Jason's entry was also judged best in region which wins \$1,000 for Riverside Elementary.

Malia Stephens, a 1st grader at Grace Lutheran School, Sandy; Kenny Jepson, 2nd grade, Riverside Elementary, West Jordan; and Tony Anderson, 3rd grade, Highland Park Elementary in Salt Lake City are also state winners in the 2001 Arbor Day poster contest. They each win a \$75 U.S. Savings Bond.

Jemi Ong, a kindergarten student at Waterford School in Sandy; Melissa Manwill a 4th grader at Hunter Elementary, West Valley City; and Kendra Johnson, a 6th grader at Highland Elementary in Salt Lake City are regional winners and all will be honored with a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond.

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The artwork of Amanda Sanders, a 2nd grade student at Delta North Elementary in Delta, was judged as Best in Region and wins a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond. In addition her school wins a \$1000 cash prize.

Regional winners include Allyssa Hunt, 1st grade, Nephi Elementary; Rachael Stewart, a 3rd grader at Cedar North Elementary in Cedar City; Aarica Cleveland, a Fiddlers North Elementary 4th grader in Cedar City; 5th grader Ashlee Bailey, Minersville School in Minersville; and Jaimee Mathews, 6th grade, Red Hills Middle School, Richfield. They each receive a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond.

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Christian Call, a 6th grade student at Helen M. Knight Intermediate School in Moab, is a state winner in the 2001 Arbor Day poster contest. Christian wins a \$75 U.S. Savings Bond. Christian was one of nearly 100,000 Utah school children from kindergarten through 6th grade to enter the annual contest.

Toni Taylor, kindergarten, and Emma Rowley, 1st grade, both from Duchesne Elementary in Duchesne, join 2nd grader Shadayah Jones, 3rd grader Dallin Lemon, 4th grader Marie Harvey, and 5th grader Rebecca Nielson, all from Ferron Elementary in Ferron, as regional winners in their respective grades. They each receive a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond.

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